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Subject: Microsoft Anti-trust suite

I am concerned with the current settlement agreement with Microsoft. It appears that there is no "bite" in this agreement and that business will be as usual with MS. I do not believe that those negotiating this deal are aware of the anti-competitive practices that this company has engaged in and will continue to engage in unless they are stopped. There are many published books on the subject that I would suggest that you read, several come to mind "The Microsoft File", "Barbarians lead by Bill Gates",

"World War 3.0: Microsoft and Its Enemies"," U.S. v. Microsoft: The Inside Story of the Landmark Case" and "Pride Before the Fall: The Trials of Bill Gates and the End of the Microsoft Era" all of which detail the anti-competitive nature of this company. Unless they are stopped from "innovating" which based on the context in which Bill Gates uses this word must mean "steal" or "rip-off" they will continue to kill true "innovation". Of particular concern is the \$1 billion investment in our nations poorest districts. Although I have not been able to find any specifics on this deal I do know that it involves hardware and software. My question is do the users get a choice of Mac, PC, Linux, Sun box for the hardware or is it strictly MS and Windows machines?? This is important because if it is limited to Windows platforms it only re-enforces the Monopoly they already hold on the industry.

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